



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of December 6, 2022
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of December 20, 2022

DATE: December 6, 2022
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Acceptance and appropriation of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the Corpus Christi Police Department

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of a grant in an amount of \$45,776.00 from the State of Texas, Criminal Justice Grant Program for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the purchase of six additional in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$45,776.00 in the Police Grants Fund.

SUMMARY:

Federal funding is available through the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the Criminal Justice Grant Program for projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system. The grant funds will be used to purchase six additional in-car video systems for the Corpus Christi Police Department.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Federal funds are available under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system.

In-car camera systems have proven to be effective in capturing video that is relevant to successful prosecutions, clearing or substantiating complaints, and documenting events that could create a liable action for or against a municipality or county agency.

The Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) will purchase six additional in-car camera systems with these grant funds in order to expand its current inventory. This is in an effort to ensure that an in-car camera is in every enforcement unit. The six additional in-car camera systems will be placed in CCPD police vehicles that CCPD ordered in FY 2022. These vehicles were expected to be delivered throughout calendar years 2022 and 2023; however, all six of the additional enforcement units have already been received by the City. The cameras will be installed into the new police vehicles by the City's vendor, C&S Plating, as they are built-out for deployment into the field. Currently, CCPD has 148 in-car camera systems. After the addition of the six new in-car camera systems, CCPD will have a total of 154 in-car camera systems. CCPD's goal is to equip 185 in-car camera systems, fully inventorying CCPD's fleet of enforcement units. This will

be accomplished by applying for and receiving grants in the future as well as by continually building the purchases into annual budgets.

The City has not received this grant since 2017. In 2017, the City received \$11,241. The project period is from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the funds and not have fewer in-car camera systems to equip police vehicles. However, in car camera systems have proven to be effective in capturing video that is relevant to successful prosecutions, clearing or substantiating complaints, and documenting events that could create a liable action for or against a municipality or county agency.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact at this time.

Funding Detail

Fund	1061
Organization/Activity:	Police Grant Fund – 820838F
Mission Element:	151
Project #	N/A
Account:	520090 – Minor Tools & Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Statement of grant award.